

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION

SOMMERY LOT 2 LP,

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Plaintiff,

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v.

1:23-CV-1442-RP

SOMMERY ROUND ROCK TX, LLC,

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Defendant.

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ORDER

Before the Court is the report and recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Dustin Howell concerning Defendant Sommery Round Rock TX, LLC’s (“Sommery Round Rock”) Motion to Transfer Pursuant To The First-to-File Rule Or, Alternatively, To Dismiss Pursuant To Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6), (Dkt. 6). (R. & R., Dkt. 38). Plaintiff Sommery Lot 2 LP (“Sommery Lot”) timely filed objections to the report and recommendation, (Objs., Dkt. 39), and a motion to stay, (Dkt. 41). The parties engaged in responsive briefing regarding the objections, (Dkts. 45, 46), and the motion to stay, (Dkts. 42, 43).

A party may serve and file specific, written objections to a magistrate judge’s findings and recommendations within fourteen days after being served with a copy of the report and recommendation and, in doing so, secure *de novo* review by the district court. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). Because Sommery Lot timely objected to the report and recommendation, the Court reviews the report and recommendation *de novo*. Having done so and for the reasons given in the report and recommendation, the Court overrules Sommery Lot’s objections and adopts the report and recommendation as its own order. Because the Court adopts the report and recommendation and transfers the case to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, the

Court declines to rule on Sommery Lot's motion to stay. (Dkt. 41). Further, Sommery Lot previously requested a stay on the same basis in its response to Sommery Round Rock's motion to transfer, (Dkt. 7, at 14), and Magistrate Judge Howell rejected Sommery Lot's argument in the report and recommendation, (*see* R. & R., Dkt. 38, at 10–11). The Court agrees with the reasoning in the report and recommendation and declines to consider the motion to stay for the same reasons given in the report and recommendation.

Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** that the report and recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Dustin Howell, (Dkt. 38), is **ADOPTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant Sommery Round Rock's Motion to Transfer Pursuant To The First-to-File Rule Or, Alternatively, To Dismiss Pursuant To Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6), (Dkt. 6), is **GRANTED IN PART** as to the motion to transfer.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this action is **TRANSFERRED** pursuant to the first-to-file rule to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York so that it may be consolidated with Civil Action No. 2:23-cv-8522-NRM-LGD.

SIGNED on June 25, 2024.



ROBERT PITMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE